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Colorado Trends

No improvement was noted in the State's labor force condition during April. Total employment was again lower even though unemployment posted a small decline. Colorado's seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained unchanged from March at 6.6 percent.

Fewer people in the labor force looking for work has kept the unemployment picture stable in the face of a slowdown on the employment side. The rate has not varied more than two tenths of a percentage point during the last seven months. In fact, one year ago the jobless rate was about the same at 6.5 percent. An estimated 108,100 Coloradans were out of work during April, 1,800 below the prior month and 2,400 fewer than a year ago.

Job growth has been hard to come by so far this year and April was no exception. After adjustment for normal seasonal changes, employment declined 31,800 to 1,526,600. Last year in April, the worker total was higher at 1,592,600. The faltering employment numbers can be attributed in part to an estimating methodology which can exaggerate the extent of both upward and downward movements in the State job market. This seems to currently be the case while household survey employment results for Colorado have been quite weak thus far this year, they appear to be overstating the slowdown in economic activity. Most other data series remain favorable and indicate no widespread weakening in Colorado's labor market conditions.

Most Colorado areas recorded lower unemployment during April as 45 of the State's 63 counties registered a drop in the jobless rate on a seasonally unadjusted basis. The major exception was the ski area counties where the season's closing caused a sharp, but temporary rise in unemployment.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported unemployment was on the rise nationally during April offsetting much of the improvement of the prior two months. The jobless rate rose three tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent. At 6.5 million, the number of persons without work increased by 420,000. Employment was unchanged at 117.1 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado gained ground in April, increasing 3,800 to 1,438,100. The change was about normal for the March April period. Six of the major nonfarm industry sectors in the State posted gains over the month while two declined. Last year at this time total wage and salary jobs in Colorado numbered 1,422,800.

Contract construction led all sectors over the month adding 2,000 workers to 54,600. The gain was above seasonal expectations. Although this sector remains one of the most depressed in the Colorado economy work on the new convention center and activity in the Cherry Creek Area of Denver is currently providing support to the industry. In addition, Denver Area voters gave their overwhelming approval to the building of a new airport by a wide 2 to 1 margin on May 16.

Trade gained 1,600 jobs in April to 352,800 with 1,100 of the increase occurring within eating and drinking places. General merchandise stores added 200. Wal-Mart announced that they will open their new store in Grand Junction on June 1. Already 240 persons have been hired to operate the store with 10 to 15 more expected to land jobs by the time its doors open for business.

Small gains over the month were experienced in mining (up 200), transportation and public utilities (up 100), services (up 400) and government (up 300).

Merrill Lynch plans to open a regional operations center late this year or early next year, boosting employment in the services sector. It will consolidate its present Colorado workforce (120 persons) into its new location at the Denver Service Center in Lakewood. The center will eventually employ 1,020 (350 its first year) and create a total of 900 new jobs. The New York-based financial services firm will conduct data-processing and bookkeeping functions for customer accounts at the new facility.

Both manufacturing (down 100) and finance, insurance and real estate (down 300) fell in April.

Declines in both the number of jobholders and unemployed in the **DENVER MSA** caused the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to edge down one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.0 percent. This is only slightly above the 5.8 percent recorded one year ago.

The number of jobless local residents fell 1,500 over the month to 50,500, down 1,000 from one year ago. Total employment fell sharply for the second consecutive month and now stands at 790,400 after seasonal adjustment. This estimate is almost 41,000 below last year's level.

Nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the Area advanced 5,100 and now stands at 801,300. Despite the gain, this series is now slightly lower than the 801,700 of one year ago. Job gains slightly outpaced seasonal expectations for the March-April period. Five industry groups showed gains in April, led by services (up 3,100), construction (up 1,000) and trade (up 900), each showing seasonal strength. Mining (down 100) and finance, insurance, and real estate (down 100) were the only two losing sectors.

Scattered building and the "yes" vote approving the new Denver airport are helping to support the construction industry.

COLORADO PERSONAL INCOME 1974 THROUGH 1988

Personal income is the sum of wage and salary disbursements; pension and welfare funds, earnings from proprietorships, partnerships, and tax exempt cooperatives; rental income; and personal dividend and interest income. Personal income in Colorado, as in the United States, has been steadily increasing for the past fifteen years. In 1974, total personal income for Colorado was 14.7 billion dollars, rising to 54.0 billion dollars by 1988.

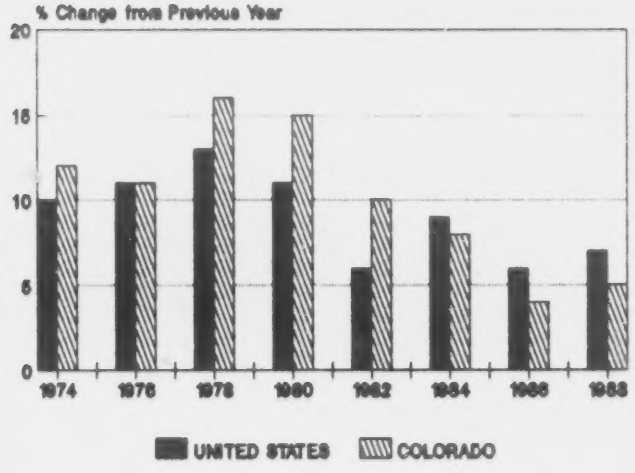
From 1974 to 1988 the average yearly increase in personal income was 10.1 percent for Colorado as compared to 9.1 percent for the United States. In 1984, however, annual growth in total income for the nation exceeded that of Colorado. Weakness in oil and gas exploration as well as construction and financial services has dampened personal income growth in the State. Colorado dropped to three percentage points below the national figure in 1987 and remained at two percentage points below the U.S. in 1988.

Per capital personal income for Colorado in 1988 was $16,417. Per capita personal income is determined by dividing the State's total personal income by the State's resident population. Colorado's per capita income reached a peak of 110 percent of the national average in 1982 and dropped to approximately 100 percent in 1988. Although the State's income growth has fallen behind the nation's, the average yearly figure has grown $3,778 from $12,639 per person in 1982.

Even with the slowdown, Colorado has the highest income in the Rocky Mountain Region. The State ranks eighteenth in the United States with a per capita income only $27.00 below the national average.

For further information regarding personal income data for the State and its areas please contact the Labor Market Information Section at (303) 894-2575.

PERSONAL INCOME - ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE



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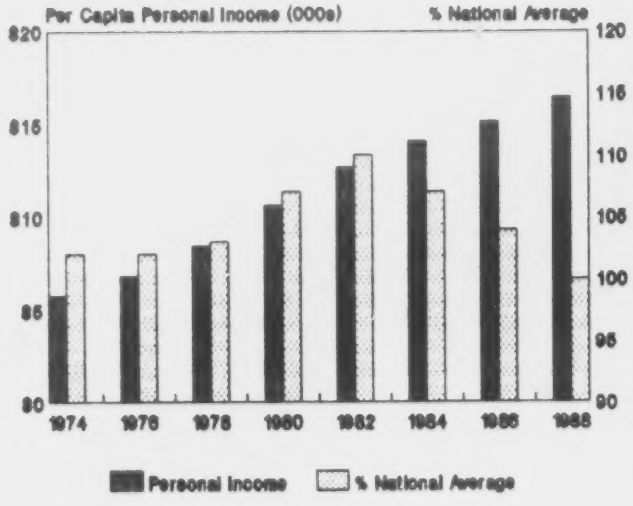
COLORADO PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME



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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	APR 1989	MAR 1989	JAN 1989	APR 1988	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands)	1634.7	1668.3	1702.7	1703.1	-33.6	-68.0	-68.4
Unemployment	100.1	100.9	110.6	110.5	-1.8	-2.7	-2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	---	---	---
Employment	1526.6	1550.4	1591.9	1592.6	-31.8	-65.3	-66.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1436.7	1436.2	1431.6	1421.8	0.2	5.1	14.9
Mining	20.1	19.8	20.2	20.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.8
Contract Construction	56.8	56.3	56.8	60.9	0.5	0.0	-4.1
Manufacturing	191.0	191.9	191.3	188.4	-0.9	-0.3	2.6
Durable Goods	119.5	120.0	120.0	117.7	-0.5	-0.5	1.8
Nondurable Goods	71.5	71.9	71.3	70.7	-0.4	0.2	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	90.6	90.7	90.5	91.6	-0.1	0.1	-1.0
Trade	355.2	353.9	352.9	348.2	1.3	2.3	7.0
Wholesale	77.5	77.8	77.8	76.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.7
Retail	277.7	276.1	275.1	271.4	1.6	2.6	6.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	93.3	94.0	93.9	95.5	-0.7	-0.6	-2.2
Services	358.3	359.4	358.1	350.7	-1.1	0.2	7.6
Government	271.4	270.9	267.9	265.6	0.5	3.5	5.8
Federal	55.9	55.8	56.4	55.3	0.1	-0.5	0.6
State	65.2	64.7	61.8	62.7	0.5	3.4	2.5
Local	150.3	150.4	149.7	147.6	-0.1	0.6	2.7
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands)	840.9	855.6	874.7	882.8	-14.7	-33.8	-41.9
Unemployment	50.5	52.0	51.1	51.5	-1.5	-0.6	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	790.4	803.6	823.6	831.3	-13.2	-33.2	-40.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	801.9	801.3	802.1	802.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.7
Mining	11.0	11.9	12.2	13.2	-0.1	-0.4	-1.4
Contract Construction	29.5	29.3	29.7	34.4	0.2	-0.2	-4.9
Manufacturing	95.7	95.8	95.4	94.2	-0.1	0.3	1.5
Durable Goods	50.9	50.9	50.9	49.6	0.0	0.0	1.3
Nondurable Goods	44.8	44.9	44.5	44.6	-0.1	0.3	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	65.7	65.8	65.7	67.6	-0.1	0.0	-1.9
Trade	198.8	198.7	198.6	196.0	0.1	0.2	2.8
Wholesale	55.1	55.5	55.4	54.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.5
Retail	143.7	143.2	143.2	141.4	0.5	0.5	2.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	61.8	62.5	62.4	63.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.6
Services	211.1	210.1	209.2	208.2	1.0	1.9	2.9
Government	127.5	127.2	120.9	125.6	0.3	-1.4	1.9
Federal	33.1	32.9	33.5	32.6	0.2	-0.4	0.5
State	27.3	27.1	28.2	26.2	0.2	-0.9	1.1
Local	67.1	67.2	67.2	66.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	126420	129120	132400	131520	-2700	-5980	-5100
Unemployment	6640	6910	6630	6060	-270	10	580
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	5.0	4.6	---	---	---
Employment	119780	122210	125770	125460	-2430	-5990	-5680
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	183790	187270	190660	188110	-3480	-6870	-4320
Unemployment	13440	14270	14360	13840	-830	-920	-400
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.4	---	---	---
Employment	170350	173000	176300	174270	-2650	-5950	-3920
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	90750	93290	92640	93090	-2540	-1890	-2340
Unemployment	4990	5560	5650	5390	-570	-660	-400
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.0	6.1	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	85760	87730	86990	87700	-1970	-1230	-1940
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	66340	68100	68990	68410	-1760	-2650	-2070
Unemployment	4380	4600	4810	4520	-220	-430	-140
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.8	7.0	6.6	---	---	---
Employment	61960	63500	64180	63890	-1540	-2220	-1930
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	48010	49200	50290	49520	-1190	-2280	-1510
Unemployment	4220	4370	4890	4070	-150	-670	150
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.9	9.7	8.2	---	---	---
Employment	43790	44830	45400	45450	-1040	-1610	-1660

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1632.6	1658.7	1700.4	-26100	-67800
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	110.6	122.1	113.1	-11500	-2500
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.4	6.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1522.0	1536.6	1587.3	-14600	-65300
Nonagricultural 5/	1476.4	1491.4	1536.3	-15000	-59900
Agricultural	45.6	45.2	51.0	400	-5400
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1430.1	1434.3	1422.8	3000	15300
(by place of work)					
MINING	20.0	19.8	20.0	200	-800
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.9	3.8	3.5	100	400
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.5	12.6	14.4	-100	-1900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	54.6	52.6	58.6	2000	-4000
General Building Contractors	13.5	13.4	13.2	100	300
Heavy Construction Contractors	8.6	7.6	9.5	1000	-900
Special Trade Contractors	32.5	32.0	35.9	500	-3400
MANUFACTURING	109.3	109.4	106.7	-100	2600
Durable Goods	118.9	118.9	117.1	0	1800
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.7	6.7	6.9	0	-200
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.6	7.4	7.4	200	200
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.1	14.0	13.6	100	500
Machinery, except Electrical	31.0	32.0	31.0	-200	000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	21.7	21.7	22.3	0	-600
Transportation Equipment	17.9	18.0	17.6	-100	300
Nondurable Goods	70.4	70.5	69.6	-100	800
Food & Kindred Products	26.2	26.2	25.8	0	400
Printing & Publishing	22.7	22.7	22.8	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	90.4	90.3	91.4	100	-1000
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	47.9	47.9	48.1	0	-200
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	352.8	351.2	345.8	1600	7000
Wholesale Trade	77.3	77.3	76.6	0	700
Retail Trade	275.5	273.9	269.2	1600	6300
General Merchandise Stores	30.0	29.8	29.7	200	300
Food Stores	44.4	44.2	39.7	200	4700
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.9	28.6	28.5	300	400
Eating & Drinking Places	103.5	102.4	103.8	1100	-300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	93.4	93.7	95.6	-300	-2200
Banking	18.1	18.1	18.8	0	-700
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	15.5	15.7	16.7	-200	-1200
SERVICES	360.5	360.1	352.8	400	7700
Hotels & Other Lodging	29.6	30.9	28.4	-1300	1200
Personal Services	17.4	17.2	18.3	200	-900
Business Services	88.2	87.2	82.7	1000	5500
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	17.1	17.1	17.0	0	100
Amusements & Recreation	22.3	23.2	22.4	-900	-100
Health Services	89.5	89.2	86.9	300	2600
Hospitals	37.6	37.4	36.9	200	700
GOVERNMENT	277.1	276.0	271.1	300	6000
Federal Government	55.2	55.1	54.6	100	600
State Government	68.7	68.4	66.1	300	2600
Education	43.6	43.7	41.5	-100	2100
Local Government	153.2	153.3	150.4	-100	2800
Education	84.9	85.3	84.2	-400	700
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.2	0	-200

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	836.6	847.5	878.3	-10900	-41700
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	50.9	56.8	51.9	-5900	-1000
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.7	5.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	785.7	790.7	826.4	-5000	-40700
Nonagricultural 5/	777.6	782.7	817.4	-5100	-39800
Agricultural	8.1	8.0	9.0	100	-900
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	801.3	796.2	801.7	5100	-400
MINING	11.8	11.9	13.1	-100	-1300
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.5	9.7	11.2	-200	-1700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	28.6	27.6	33.3	1000	-4700
MANUFACTURING	95.3	95.1	93.8	200	1500
Durable Goods	50.8	50.6	49.5	200	1300
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.8	15.6	0	200
Nondurable Goods	44.5	44.5	44.3	0	200
Food & Kindred Products	14.5	14.5	14.5	0	0
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.0	13.3	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65.6	65.6	67.5	0	-1900
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	197.4	196.5	194.6	900	2800
Wholesale Trade	55.1	55.2	54.6	-100	500
Retail Trade	142.3	141.3	140.0	1000	2300
Eating & Drinking Places	53.9	53.5	52.4	400	1500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	61.7	61.8	63.3	-100	-1600
SERVICES	211.1	200.0	200.2	3100	2900
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.6	10.6	10.8	0	-200
Health Services	49.9	49.5	48.7	400	1200
GOVERNMENT	129.8	129.7	127.9	100	1900
Federal Government	33.0	33.0	32.5	0	500
State Government	28.4	28.2	27.3	200	1100
Local Government	68.4	68.5	68.1	-100	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	125.8	127.5	130.9	-1700	-5100
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	6.7	7.5	6.1	-800	600
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.9	4.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	119.1	120.0	124.8	-900	-5700
Nonagricultural 5/	117.2	118.2	122.7	-1000	-5500
Agricultural	1.9	1.8	2.1	100	-200
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	108.4	107.9	107.8	500	600
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.2	3.5	100	-200
MANUFACTURING	28.9	28.9	29.4	0	-500
Durable Goods	23.3	23.3	24.2	0	-900
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.2	0	400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	22.8	22.6	22.6	200	200
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Retail Trade	19.9	19.7	19.8	200	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
SERVICES	23.3	23.3	22.8	0	500
GOVERNMENT	23.5	23.3	22.9	200	600
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	11.3	11.2	10.8	100	500
Local Government	9.6	9.5	9.5	100	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	April 1989 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	March 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5873	5328	545	9.3	--	6020	5372	648	10.8
Archuleta	2217	1972	245	11.1	--	2302	1982	320	13.9
Baca	2154	2073	111	5.1	--	2215	2055	133	6.0
Bent	2107	1999	108	5.1	--	2122	2016	106	5.0
Chaffee	6233	5654	579	9.3	--	6269	5695	574	9.2
Cheyenne	992	941	51	5.1	--	990	951	39	3.9
Clear Creek	2535	2316	219	8.6	--	2766	2495	271	9.8
Co. Springs MSA	181851	167799	14052	7.7	--	185290	169018	16272	8.8
Conejos	2469	1994	475	19.2	--	2582	2016	566	21.9
Costilla	1334	1145	189	14.2	--	1376	1132	244	17.7
Crowley	1536	1430	106	6.9	--	1580	1440	140	8.9
Custer	746	695	51	6.8	--	769	698	71	9.2
Delta	7970	6918	1052	13.2	--	8198	7060	1138	13.9
Den-Bldr CMSA	962344	904734	57610	6.0	--	974994	910665	64329	6.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	125763	119059	6704	5.3	--	127510	120015	7495	5.9
-Denver MSA	836551	785675	50906	6.1	--	847454	790650	56834	6.7
---Adams	140910	130650	10260	7.3	--	143468	131477	11991	8.4
---Arapahoe	199118	189316	9802	4.9	--	201165	190515	10670	5.3
---Denver	253722	236213	17509	6.9	--	256974	237709	19265	7.5
---Douglas	20594	19532	1062	5.2	--	20849	19656	1193	5.7
---Jefferson	222239	209964	12275	5.5	--	225009	211293	13716	6.1
Dolores	918	858	60	6.5	--	926	867	59	6.4
Eagle	15181	13383	1798	11.8	--	14076	13492	586	4.2
Elbert	3965	3663	222	5.7	--	3993	3690	303	7.6
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	90715	85677	5038	5.6	--	92878	86503	6375	6.9
Fremont	10960	10051	909	8.3	--	11342	10185	1157	10.2
Garfield	14049	12983	1066	7.6	--	14150	13052	1098	7.8
Gilpin	1323	1242	81	6.1	--	1358	1262	96	7.1
Grand	5549	5090	459	8.3	--	5542	5269	273	4.9
Greeley MSA	66611	62021	4590	6.9	--	67661	62298	5363	7.9
Gunnison	5598	5088	510	9.1	--	5889	5584	305	5.2
Hinsdale	344	332	12	3.5	--	344	332	12	3.5
Huerfano	2249	1997	252	11.2	--	2306	2006	300	13.0
Jackson	914	863	51	5.6	--	923	871	52	5.6
Kiowa	958	910	48	5.0	--	975	913	62	6.4
Kit Carson	3880	3774	106	2.7	--	3975	3798	177	4.5
Lake	1487	1240	247	16.6	--	1390	1205	185	13.3
La Plata	14449	13399	1050	7.3	--	15367	14089	1278	8.3
Las Animas	4678	4228	450	9.6	--	4829	4255	574	11.9
Lincoln	2171	2086	85	3.9	--	2262	2117	145	6.4
Logan	9049	8691	358	4.0	--	9258	8800	458	4.9
Mesa	38785	35771	3014	7.8	--	39779	36073	3706	9.3
Mineral	199	167	32	16.1	--	268	231	37	13.8
Moffat	5089	4531	558	11.0	--	5149	4580	569	11.1
Montezuma	8415	7559	856	10.2	--	8679	7561	1118	12.9
Montrose	11874	10619	1255	10.6	--	12419	10742	1677	13.5
Morgan	9626	8915	711	7.4	--	9911	9025	886	8.9
Otero	8220	7373	847	10.3	--	8569	7471	1098	12.8
Ouray	1404	1284	120	8.5	--	1408	1287	121	8.6
Park	2911	2662	249	8.6	--	2903	2667	236	8.1
Phillips	2095	2014	81	3.9	--	2077	2025	52	2.5
Pitkin	9536	8657	879	9.2	--	9753	9433	320	3.3
Prowers	6472	6052	420	6.5	--	6658	6104	584	8.7
Pueblo MSA	47999	43750	4249	8.9	--	49052	44064	4988	10.2
Rio Blanco	2765	2598	168	6.1	--	2801	2621	180	6.4
Rio Grande	4655	4170	485	10.4	--	4797	4228	569	11.9
Routt	8373	7540	833	9.9	--	8775	8292	483	5.5
Saguache	1581	1371	210	13.3	--	1612	1378	234	14.5
San Juan	545	497	48	8.8	--	560	494	66	11.8
San Miguel	2736	2399	337	12.3	--	2991	2816	175	5.9
Sedgwick	1408	1323	85	6.0	--	1454	1333	121	8.3
Summit	10350	8827	1523	14.7	--	9837	9544	293	3.0
Teller	4961	4513	468	9.4	--	5073	4551	522	10.3
Washington	2510	2378	132	5.3	--	2552	2389	163	6.4
Yuma	4673	4419	254	5.4	--	4611	4436	175	3.8
COLORADO	1632589	1521957	110632	6.8	--	1658636	1536557	122079	7.4

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
April 1988 Revised

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5959	5480	479	8.0
Archuleta	2232	2013	219	9.8
Baca	2358	2244	114	4.8
Bent	2320	2150	170	7.3
Chaffee	6535	5835	700	10.7
Cheyenne	1025	1005	20	2.0
Clear Creek	2719	2458	261	9.6
Co. Springs MSA	186164	171665	14499	7.8
Conejos	2513	2094	419	16.7
Costilla	1302	1172	130	10.0
Crowley	1665	1545	120	7.2
Custer	828	756	72	8.7
Delta	8357	7232	1125	13.5
Den-Bldr CMSA	1009213	951186	58027	5.7
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	130874	124757	6117	4.7
-Denver MSA	878339	826429	51910	5.9
---Adams	148279	137427	10852	7.3
---Arapahoe	209149	199136	10013	4.8
---Denver	266220	248466	17754	6.7
---Douglas	21519	20545	974	4.5
---Jefferson	233171	220855	12316	5.3
Dolores	985	907	78	7.9
Eagle	14570	13135	1435	9.8
Elbert	4162	3825	337	8.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93068	87633	5435	5.8
Fremont	11377	10272	1105	9.7
Garfield	14539	13388	1151	7.9
Gilpin	1128	1050	78	6.9
Grand	5419	5054	365	6.7
Greeley MSA	68709	63984	4725	6.9
Gunnison	5789	5278	511	8.8
Hinsdale	376	370	6	1.6
Huerfano	2420	2125	295	12.2
Jackson	1043	939	104	10.0
Kiowa	1047	1003	44	4.2
Kit Carson	4147	4051	96	2.3
Lake	1512	1241	271	17.9
La Plata	15178	13923	1255	8.3
Las Animas	4888	4431	457	9.3
Lincoln	2267	2167	100	4.4
Logan	9457	9036	421	4.5
Mesa	39635	36257	3378	8.5
Mineral	292	240	52	17.8
Moffat	5185	4592	593	11.4
Montezuma	8753	7795	958	10.9
Montrose	12443	10695	1748	14.0
Morgan	9921	9209	712	7.2
Otero	8659	7743	916	10.6
Ouray	1554	1396	158	10.2
Park	2837	2610	227	8.0
Phillips	2268	2208	60	2.6
Pitkin	10560	9712	848	8.0
Prowers	6952	6329	623	9.0
Pueblo MSA	49494	45396	4098	8.3
Rio Blanco	2748	2566	182	6.6
Rio Grande	4966	4264	702	14.1
Routt	8759	7829	930	10.6
Saguache	1667	1479	188	11.3
San Juan	592	528	64	10.8
San Miguel	3127	2788	339	10.8
Sedgwick	1454	1410	44	3.0
Summit	10302	9446	856	8.3
Teller	5173	4644	529	10.2
Washington	2749	2613	136	4.9
Yuma	5058	4874	184	3.6
COLORADO	1700412	1587267	113145	6.7

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES Z/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$469.13	$473.25	$463.37	37.5	37.5	38.2	$12.51	$12.62	$12.13
MANUFACTURING	$416.59	$415.15	$413.11	39.6	39.5	40.7	$10.52	$10.51	$10.15
Durable Goods	$429.11	$428.67	$418.50	41.3	41.1	41.6	$10.39	$10.43	$10.06
Nondurable Goods	$398.70	$394.00	$405.03	37.2	37.1	39.4	$10.72	$10.62	$10.28

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988	APR 2/ 1989	MAR 3/ 1989	APR 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$482.30	$487.49	$490.53	37.1	37.1	39.1	$13.00	$13.14	$12.75
MANUFACTURING	$440.70	$442.30	$441.63	40.1	40.1	41.9	$10.99	$11.03	$10.54
Durable Goods	$450.84	$465.25	$489.92	40.8	41.1	43.9	$11.05	$11.32	$11.16
Nondurable Goods	$429.16	$416.91	$395.60	39.3	39.0	40.0	$10.92	$10.69	$9.89

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 0/			DENVER AREA		
	APR 1989	MAR 1989	APR 1988	APR 1989	MAR 1989	APR 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	11,597	11,639	13,562	5,384	6,285	6,084
Continued Claims	102,922	132,733	125,412	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	82,900	108,030	103,907	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,070,919	$17,009,415	$16,208,812	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$142,011,450	$141,162,426	$69,389,737	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	14,917	16,418	14,080	7,198	8,394	6,990
Nonagricultural Placements	4,828	4,886	4,590	1,676	1,471	1,619
Agricultural Placements	487	238	578	201	65	168

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

March 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	122,223	1650.7	1693.0	481.6	396.1	682.2	770.9	225.5
Unemployment	6,370	122.1	97.8	31.5	30.5	52.4	42.4	16.1
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.2	7.4	5.8	6.5	7.7	7.7	5.5	7.1
Employment	115,844	1536.6	1595.2	450.1	365.6	629.8	728.5	209.4

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11 ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1988 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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